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A Voice For The Freshmen

ATTENTION FRESHMEN: Elections are coming up soon. Do you know who's running? Michele Morin, 18, of the freshmen class is running for committee representative. Why is she running? One, because she is a commuter, but not a long-distance commuter. Living in Leominster, she can conveniently attend both S.G.A. and Commuter Board Meetings. In other words, she has the time to contribute and is willing to contribute it. Second, she has had much experience with people, (coming from a family of 8 kids). She has worked at a hospital, lead girl groups, and goes to Gardner State Hospital once a week. Michele is also involved in MAI, Medical Aide for Indochina.

When interviewed, Michele had the following things to say:

Yvonne-"What kind of person do you think a rep. would have to be?"

Michele-"I think he or she would have to be someone who everyone can rap to, especially on a personal level. People usually find it easy to talk to me, probably because I love talking to them."

Yvonne-"What kinds of things do you have in mind to do for your class?"

Michele-"I don't want to make any election promises because I know I can't do anything without the help of the students. I think it's phony to say if elected I ... Ideally, I would like to see students and faculty unified, and especially commuters and residents." Freshmen are as much a part of the school as upperclassmen, therefore it is important that your voice is heard. Michele Morin has the qualities most necessary to make your voice heard. She has a friendly, open personality and is dedicated and sincere. Most important she has the time and will use it for the benefit of the freshmen class.

Michele would appreciate your vote, so on election day, please vote Michele Morin, freshman commuter representative on Oct 21.

Michele was the only student running for office who had the initiative to contact the Cycle for an interview. This service is open to anyone.

\$200.00

SCHOLARSHIP BEING OFFERED

A scholarship of \$200.00 is being offered by the Hai-Guin Club of Boston to an Armenian-American student, born in the United States and residing in the state of Massachusetts and currently attending college in Massachusetts.

This award is granted to a Freshman toward his or her second semester tuition and is based on their scholastic ability and financial need. Applications must be in by December 1, 1972. Requests for applications should be addressed to Mrs. Ellis Kupelian
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THE FUTURE FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE



by DAVE MOONEY

Originally, the plan for this article was to print the floor plans of all six of the floors of the Library-Student Union and accompany them with a long and detailed explanation of each aspect. After some thought, I realized that most of the aspects are self-explanatory. Besides, the task of reading about every detail of the new building, from the basement to the fourth floor, just might render many readers helplessly confused and neurotic, or just put them to sleep. So I decided to include in the article just those facts that I feel have become rumors or are totally unknown. Below they are listed and I have explained some or enlarged upon others.

1. In answer to many questions and doubts, yes, there will be a bar in the new building. It will be located in the basement adjacent to the commuters cafeteria and will serve beer and wine. (Plans are also in the works concerning a bar on campus opening as of this March!)

2. There will be pool tables and ping pong tables in the game room in the basement for those with free time between classes or those who don't wish to study.

3. The Bookstore in Thompson Hall will be relocated to the ground floor of the new building and no more rinky-dink cubby hole of a bookstore for F.S.C., this one will be approximately three times bigger! (Believe it!)

4. Also undergoing relocation and enlargement will be the mail room. It too, will be moved to the ground floor, but, in addition, will be a post office. (Letters, packages mailed, and stamps sold, etc.)

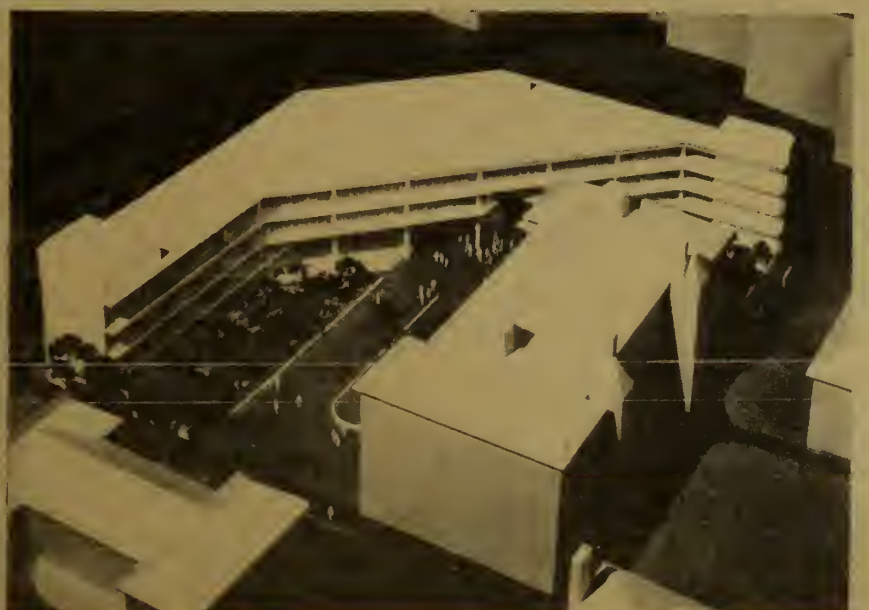
5. Television will be a new thing at F.S.C. There will be televisions located in the commuters cafe in the basement, and in the student lounge on the first floor. No channel-changing though, because there will be enough tubes in the cafe, each one tuned to a different station, and all one will have to do is sit where his favorite station is being shown. Also, there will be closed-circuit televisions situated around the campus and McKay that will be operated from the control room on the third floor of the new building. (This fact, in combination with the next item I'm about the start of a communications program with the possibility of a new Major!)

6. A radio studio will be located on the third floor and will broadcast on a low wattage level. The range will encompass the entire campus plus McKay.

7. The new library will be one of the largest changes. Not only will the actual bound volume collection jump from 90,000 to 300,000, but there will also be an enlarged (and more organized) section for microfilms, microfiche, filmstrips, and films.

Of course there will probably be mass hysteria in all areas of the new building for the first few weeks, but with a bit of patience and the vow to take advantage of the opportunities that will then be available, our new building just may act as the Boot-in-the-Ass that this college needs to get moving!

(Note: Special thanks to our Librarian Mr. Casey, Dean Fitzgibbons and Dr. Guindon of the long range Planning Department for their patience, kindness and willingness to help me muddle through all there is to know about our future Library-Student Union.)



Editorial

Renovation. Is that what we're really seeing here at F.S.C.? What happened to the green lawn in front of Thompson which served as a resting place for so many students? The machines moved in to replace Mother Nature's trees, grass and birds with a sprawling mass of ramps and sanitarium-like cement. I'm not putting down the building itself, just its position. What is the Planning Board doing to replace the natural surroundings they so calmly destroyed? Maybe a floor full of astro-turf and sun lamps??

Once upon a time, this campus had a quite handsome "landscape" with Thompson flanked by both Miller and Palmer Halls. Now this is gone, but maybe by opening some eyes to the beauty of these old buildings, the Edgerly and Behavioral Science building might be saved. A sum of \$100,000 was allotted to the renovation of these two buildings, but as you can see by these few pictures, not much has been done. Why not? Let the administration and Planning Board spend a day of classes in the B.S. building. Maybe they'd get the hint.

Those lights just put up in the courtyard? These were specially placed to make way for a new layout of walkways for a "more direct" route to class. Why not pave the whole thing? Everything else is being torn up!! Why not!

This campus is doomed to cement casts and steel beams, so why shovel garbage against the tide? The crap will only fill your shoes.

D.J.



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Letters to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

Where is S.G.A. hiding? Everytime I walk into the S.G.A. office, there is never anyone there. I will grant that some S.G.A. Members have classes, but what about the rest. From the all great Student Handbook, I have calculated the number of S.G.A. members to be about 70 to 75. (not counting Commuter's Board, etc.) Even if my count is off by as much as 35 to 40 people, that would still leave enough students to cover the office. How good of a job S.G.A. does, I don't know, but I don't see how it could be an effective one if all of the members are hiding. It seems that a lot of other people have trouble locating S.G.A. too. The S.G.A. office is there for a good reason. Why don't they use it?

J.G.

EDITORS NOTE:

J.G.

We had the same problem with the "Cycle" last year when no one could locate us, so a "rule" was set up by the staff to have the "Cycle" office open 90% of the time. It's been very effective but now we seem to be employed as information clerks for the S.G.A. We have our own work to do. This is no dig to the S.G.A. but maybe something similar can be worked out.

D.J.

DEAR EDITOR,

There is a rumor going around that Western Auditorium can't be used for rock concerts anymore, is this true? If so, why? Will there be any concerts this year? If not, what am I paying \$30 for?

Yvonne La-Garde

EDITORS NOTE:

Yvonne,

It's true that Western is now "off limits" to rock concerts because of the very last concert last year.

When that huge picnic and concert at the athletic field was planned, Cultural Events set up the picnic as well as the stage for the band "Black Oak Arkansas". But to the incompetence of the committee itself, no sound was arranged. Also, the band was set-up without a business arrangement to do with "who pays them and when." Luckily, the group agreed to play without pay until later and this was set up by someone not even on the committee! No member of Cultural Events could be found.

However, the concert went on in Weston since that was the only place available at the time. The concert was "open" so to speak and the number of outside attendents exceeded students of F.S.C. by 6 to 1. This was the problem, Weston Auditorium was left in shambles, thus, this "rule" came up. How the decision is going to be made whether or not a particular group is "rock" or not, I have no idea. (Neither does the administration)

I agree with your gripe about our \$30,00 because we had many decent concerts last year and it's not fair to shut us off to these events! It's now up to the Cultural Events Committee to open Weston up again to any groups and in some way, whether it's checking IDs or something, keep all unwanted outsiders where they belong. OUT!!!

D.J.

DID YOU KNOW.....

that in about 1943 the song with the longest title was recorded. It was called: "I'm a Cranky Old Yank in a Clanky Old Tank on the Streets of Yokohama With My Honolulu Mama Doin' Those Beat-o, Beat-o Flat-on-my-Seat-o, Hirohito Blues" by "Hoagy" Carmichael.



WHY ASK?

TO THE EDITOR:

Considering how stalag-like both of the girls dorms are, I'm surprised that Herlihy Hall does not have more female visitors than it does. There are, of course, some brave souls who venture to the boy's dorm every once in a while, but what of the others? If they are fearful of entering the dorm after being verbally assaulted or whistled at from the windows, they shouldn't judge a dorm by it's cover. Every dorm has its assholes and greasers that create a bad reputation. We couldn't all be greasers! (Lordy, if we were!)

Our on-campus females should take a chance and meet some of the firmer members of the Herlihy crop. They won't be raped, tortured, or murdered, but might find themselves enjoying some decent people and good times.

D.M.

TO THE EDITOR:

Students low on change (both dorm students and commuters) unite! I am sure that everyone has run into the problem of not having change on hand so one can eat lunch or do laundry or make a long distance phone call. I've run into that problem in the past, but it's always been solved by either going to the commuter's cafeteria or to the bookstore.

Now, there is no commuter's cafeteria-only vending machines with correct change signs on them. What if a person needs change for a dollar bill? I had an emergency phone call the other day while in a class. Since there are only pay phones in the dorms, I needed to change \$2.00. I went to the most logical place that I could think if - the bookstore. When I asked for the change, the worker looked at me in astonishment and said, "I can't give you change. We have little enough as it is!" This same person promptly made change for a five dollar bill for a girl who bought a pad of paper. I was really furious. Must we buy something we don't need just to get change? I ended up borrowing money from my roommate to make the call; but not before scrounging around the dorm without success.

Later, I got to thinking about the commuters who needed to buy lunches from those vending machines. If one does not come to school each morning with a pocket FULL of change, they miss out on lunch for the whole day. It's ridiculous. There are many pressures on the administration what with the new construction for future students, but please don't forget the present students. Either rent a changing machine or have someone available to change money for those who need it. The college has put in all these machines in Thompson Hall and the dorms (washers, dryers, pay phones and coke and food machines) but no source of change to utilize those machines.

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Is there anything that the Administration, faculty or students can do in alleviating this problem? I offer my services to help defeat this common problem. We need support from everyone. If anyone agrees with me in any way, and has suggestion on how to rid ourselves of this great problem, let me know, I'd greatly appreciate your response,

Sincerely,
Sheryl A. Ewell
Ar 5193 New Dorm

EDITORS NOTE:

Sheryl -

I've run into the same problem including the bookstore incident and I think it would be a great, great help if dollar machines were installed in both girls dorms, the commuters lounge and in the laundry rooms. It IS a real pain when you have to run to Katy's for change to be used in a DORM PHONE.

D.J.

TO THE EDITOR:

There is one thing I have always wanted to know and that is why resident students MUST have a meal plan. Resident students dole out two hundred dollars a semester and get lousy food. By this, I mean food that is unrecognizeable and in general just not appetizing. I'm not asking for mother's home cooking but walking into the cafeteria and the only way of knowing what is being served is by a sign posted in front of the food which tells you. It is not the most appealing way of eating a meal. There have been many times when I have gone in to eat a meal, eaten the food and left the cafeteria and never know what I had eaten. Another thing, why should I pay for three meals a day when I only have time for one meal a day. This means that if I don't eat one day, that's about \$1.00 a day down the drain, never to be seen again. And then if a friend wants to eat at the resident's cafeteria but is a commuter, he can't because he doesn't have a meal plan but why can't all those meals that I didn't eat pay for that one meal that he eats?

I could go on forever about the food but I don't want to. It makes me kind of sick to even think about it, but I think it would be less expensive, more convenient, and much more appetizing if a meal plan was not required for resident students, or at least if a meal plan was required, it should be for a certain number of meals per week instead of just so many days per week or how about something similar to UMass where they have so many meals per day; either 2 meals or 3 meals a day. It would make more sense and probably cost less.

C.S.

EDITORS NOTE:

DEAR CS

There is no way that the meal plan tickets can be cut. First of all, the less people there are to eat meals, the higher the prices for those few who do eat. Second of all, the dorms supposedly aren't equipped to handle the daily preparation of meals, both cooking and refrigeration.

Most of the gripe comes from the two girl's dorms anyway because the boy's, who are outnumbered 6 to 1, are interested more in quantity, not quality. They eat the meals which the girls miss by classes. Also, it was brought to my attention that if, for some reason, a resident has classes during the meal times, he or she may go see the kitchen help to work out something where they would get served a meal either before or after class.

For the information of the resident students, there is a meeting held every other Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the Authority dorm to discuss the meals. If you have any gripes at all, this is the place to dump them.

D.J.

TO THE EDITOR:

As it is still early in the school year, please allow me to make some predictions which may (or may not) be of some interest to watch unfold:

1. The election of a new President, (McGovern)

2. that the FSC's administration will incite no major hassles with the students due to impending accreditation procedures.

3. that FSC's student body will incite no major hassles with administration due to pronounced apathy.

4. many minor student-administration hassles over campus life's trivia, over which everybody will express some opinion or other but after a week or few days everyone will have forgotten what the hassle was about.

5. that some will write a letter to the Editor bitching about this letter so with that in mind, please omit my name and box number.

ANONYMOUS

EDITORS NOTE:

ANONYMOUS,

I can't say I appreciate your letter but some "bitching" would be very much invited, whether having to do with McGovern or the so-called "campus-trivia! Apathy? Maybe, maybe not. We'll see.

D.J.

FSC To Host Visit

On Sunday, October 15, and for two days thereafter, Fitchburg State College will be host to a visiting team from the New England Association is the accrediting agency for all higher educational institutions in New England, and their visit is a regularly scheduled one. Some months ago, in preparation for a visit, a committee of students, faculty, and administrators began preparation of an institutional self-study, which is now in the hands of the visiting committee. Copies of the report are available in the college library and in various departments on campus.

The visiting team is led by Dr. Edmund Thorne, former superintendent of school in West Hartford, Connecticut, and presently Dean of the School of Education at Central Connecticut State College in New Britain. Other members of the team are Dr. Arnold Fassler, Chairman, Department of Special Education, Southern Connecticut State College, New Haven Connecticut; Dr. William L. Perry, Dean of Graduate Studies, Lesley College, Cambridge, Mass.; and Dr. David W. Trafford, Professor of History, University of Maine, Orono, Maine.

During the course of the visit the team members will meet both formally and informally with students, faculty, and administration. As representatives of the New England Association it is their obligation to present as clear and objective an account of the position of Fitchburg State College, its objectives, its programs, present condition and future directions. All members of the college community are expected to be read to meet with the team, or individual team members, should they be requested.

In the last edition of the "Cycle", a commuters' cafe article contained a statement saying that "red tape hindered the vending machine arrival." This had nothing to do with the school, but with the factories. All blame which has been bestowed on the school parties involved, we gracefully accept into our pockets.

D.J.

Weston Concerts to Continue, However.....

The word out on campus is that there will be no more concerts in Weston Auditorium, due to the fact that past concerts have managed to turn Weston into a pig-pen complete with glass bottles of varied size and use, cans and all sorts of interesting little pieces of smoked items lying around on the floor. Coupled with this is the realization that most of the people who attend these concerts are not even F.S.C. students: and that they are managing to get into these concerts at really cheap rates because of our student activity fee which is the reason for our only having to charge two dollars to these shows. Many students on campus feel that this was an unfair decision on the part of the Deans, that there was no regard for the students, and that this was just another in a like of put-downs and subjugation of the students by the administration.

While it is true that it was a decision by the Deans and the President, it was far from being an arbitrary one. Anyone who was at the fiasco of the last show put on this past year realizes that the condition of Weston was really bad and that the lack of organization from the committee sponsoring the concert led to many complications. We, the students of this school, must stop regarding everything as totally black and white when it comes to the administration and students. Although it is true that the administration has given us many undo hassles when it comes to governance, social life and living rules things have not always been as bad as it might seem. Maybe it's trite but there are plenty of places worse than this, true there are many better but let's always think on the good side.

While at another meeting in Boston on Monday, I had the opportunity to speak to President Hammond on several matters, one of which was the situation on concerts in Weston. An agreement was reached between the President and myself to the effect that concerts could be held in Weston but one condition which I believe is fair and equitable, that condition is that the concerts will be held on a sort of probationary period. This means quite simple that we have to prove ourselves as the grown-ups we claim to be. This proving would come in the guise of the restriction of; tickets may only be purchased on campus, and you must have your F.S.C. I.D. in order to do so. The number has not been decided as yet but there will definitely be a limit to the number of tickets you can buy.

Also there will have to be monitors at the front doors to check these tickets and to make sure that no-one is going in with ANY kind of liquid refreshment. Any one caught with anything will have it removed and thrown away. Too bad guys but let's try and be as mature as we say we are. Remember there are always two sides to any coin.

So, there will be concerts in Weston, let the joyous news be spread! However let's all remember that this is probationary, that means we have to live up to it. Please don't let me down, I have faith in our ability to be fair and have understanding of other peoples wishes, if we are fair I know that the administration will be so too.

Alice Seagull,
President S.G.A.



"LET ME TELL YOU ONE THING: WE ON THE "CYCLE" WORK-WE WORK!"

CHRISTMAS FINALS????

A final count was arrived at for the poll concerned with finals before Christmas. The results were as follows:

Finals should be left as they are - - - 24

Finals should be changed till before Christmas (total) 1038 of these:

a) they should be given within the 2 week period before Christmas - - - 822

b) they should be given before Christmas within the last one or two hours of class - - - 216

Of these, only 2 administrators filed the poll and 22 faculty. Some interest, huh?

After a small discussion with some administrators, I was told that finals for this year couldn't be changed and that the calender was already approved and unchangeable.

A special committee within the All-College Council is set aside to handle the calender problem every year. Last year when faced with this same question of finals, they so calmly ran out of

time. The calender had to come out so the committee just threw one up with little self-interest, with exceptions. If something is to be done, it has to be now!!! The students and faculty who voted for change must catch this committee with their pants down, BEFORE they run out of time!

The All-College Council meeting is open to all and we must show our support for an idea and fight for a TRUE vacation. I got a ball rolling so don't let it bounce.

D.J.

Dr. Grainger Browning

interview by
JOHN GEORGE



(Every issue a different professor will be interviewed, by the "Cycle". If there are any professors you would like interviewed, or any questions you would like the "Cycle" to ask in a interview, please let us know. Also, any type of feedback regarding this or future articles, write John George, c/o "Cycle". Leave your letter in the "Cycle" office or box in mailroom.)

CYCLE: Can you tell us a little bit about yourself and your background.
DR. BROWNING: I was born in Weldon, North Carolina, and attended the public schools in Raleigh. After graduating from high school, I attended Shaw University, also in Raleigh. It was almost a completely black school. The faculty there was about 75% black, 25% white. From there I came to Boston and received my masters and Ph.D. from Boston University.
CYCLE: What made you decide to become a sociologist?
DR. BROWNING: After finishing college, I started teaching history at a public high school in North Carolina. After teaching there for 2 or 3 years, I decided that I didn't want to teach history anymore, and that I wanted to get my Master's Degree. While in college, I had taken a Sociology course and was very interested in how groups relate to one another. I worked my way through college by being in charge of playground activities. By watching people in the parks and studying Sociology, I became more interested in social interaction.
CYCLE: Did you ever do any social work?
DR. BROWNING: When I first came to Boston for my Master's, I worked as an orderly at the Holy Ghost Hospital in Cambridge. From there I got a job at the Ellis Memorial House in Boston. I was in charge of older men's activities. I then got a job as director of boy's activities at the Cambridge Community Center in Cambridge. I worked there until I got my Master's. I then decided to go back to North Carolina to teach at A.T. & T. College. After teaching there for a few years, I decided to come back to Boston for my Ph.D. While working on my Ph.D. I got a job as community organizer for the United South End Settlements in Boston.
CYCLE: How did you first get connected with the Food Distribution Program at Fitchburg?
DR. BROWNING: One summer while at Fitchburg State, I decided to take off a summer of teaching and do a bit of social work. I got a job as parent consultant at the Montachusett Head Start Program. Always being interested in social projects, I asked the Director of Montachusett Committee if he had a program that needed volunteer help for the students to participate in. The people from the Food Distribution Program contacted me. The program has now been under way for 1 1/2 years.
CYCLE: When did you first start to teach at Fitchburg State?
DR. BROWNING: It was about the fall of 1966.
CYCLE: How do you feel about teaching at Fitchburg State?
DR. BROWNING: As far as students are concerned, I think it is far more challenging to teach at a predominantly black school. At a black school, you have more of a cosmopolitan faculty. Here the faculty is almost all white. There are no Europeans, Asiatic, or Africans. At black colleges, the faculty is about 55% to 60% black and 40% to 45% mixed races. At black schools, student-wise, it is about 95% black instead of white.
Because of this you get a much more cosmopolitan atmosphere. The student body in a black college seems to be much more interested in social events, and social interaction in the community. The students at Fitchburg State are good and work hard once they become involved but the problem lies in getting them interested. To answer your question much more specifically, I enjoy teaching at Fitchburg State very much.
CYCLE: How do you feel about student participation in the classroom?
DR. BROWNING: The students in the classroom are not as inquisitive as they should be. They generally accept what the teacher will say without question. If there is something they don't understand, they generally suffer through it. If they get a mark on a paper they don't like, they usually come (if at all) very offensively instead of getting clarification and understanding. I would like the students to be much more critical in class and present ideas that may be in contradiction to the book and to what the teacher is saying. There doesn't seem to be enough intellectual cross-fire between the students with each other and students with teachers.
CYCLE: How do you feel about the faculty?
DR. BROWNING: The interaction of the faculty has been good. In general, I don't think the campus atmosphere is a very stimulating one.
CYCLE: Do you feel that by hiring more teachers of other races, it would benefit Fitchburg State?
DR. BROWNING: Yes, a cosmopolitan faculty and student body would benefit Fitchburg State very much.
Among other things, Dr. Browning is President of the Massachusetts Sociological Association, on the Board of Directors of Micah Corporation of Fitchburg, United Community Services and F & L Planned Housing Corp.
We the members of the "Cycle" staff would like to thank Dr. Browning for his cooperation in making this interview possible.

Fitchburg State's Goals and Objectives

During the past year the college undertook a careful review of its objectives, working at both the "all-college" level of students, faculty and administration, and at the departmental level. This process is continuing. Departmental objectives have been and are being studied and stated. At the "all-college" level the All-College Council of the College launched a study of objectives which is far advanced, though not yet concluded. There was close coordination with the Educational Testing Service, Berkeley, during the year while the Institutional Goals Inventory that ETS was developing was being administered on three different occasions at Fitchburg State. The final report of this survey, distributed by the All-College Council, has received commendation from the Western Office of the Educational Testing Service at Berkeley for the thoroughness with which it was executed and for the manner in which the findings were presented in the final report.

A representative sampling of 750 students (undergraduate and graduate), faculty, administrators, parents, alumni, community leaders and trustees was invited to participate in the three administrations of this Inventory, lasting one hour each during three different months of the academic year. Students and faculty in the computer science and behavioral sciences areas were involved in the programming and presentation of test data.

Among the goals and objectives which the varied segments of the college community judged Fitchburg State College should strive to attain were the following, given in rank order of preference:

1. To strive persistently for the intellectual development of faculty, students and administrators to their fullest potential through the intellectual orientation the college affords;
To inspire in students a permanent commitment to learning;
To increase the ability and desire of students to undertake self-directed learning;
To train students in the methods of scholarly inquiry and in how to synthesize knowledge from a variety of sources;
To help students learn how to learn, so that they will develop their own life style of learning, leading to a lifetime of learning.
2. To establish in the Fitchburg State College community a climate in which communication throughout the college is open and candid and a spirit of concern for the welfare of the total college overrides constituent group interest.
3. To implement a clearly understood system of governance which has wide campus representation and significant involvement of students, faculty and administrators.
4. To foster an intellectual and aesthetic environment which encourages students and faculty to spend much of their free time in intellectual and cultural activities.
5. To organize for continuous short -, medium -, and long-range planning which necessitates continuous evaluation of programs, policies and practices.
6. To insure the academic development of students as they acquire a good basic knowledge in the humanities, social sciences, mathematics and science, as well as acquiring a depth of knowledge in at least one academic discipline;
To hold students to high standards of intellectual performance and to prepare them for advanced academic development.
7. To help students to understand and respect people from diverse backgrounds and cultures, to be very concerned about the welfare of all mankind, to become committed to working for world peace, to be dedicated to improving the quality of human life and to become conscious of the great moral issues of our time.
8. To provide opportunities for students to receive vocational preparation for specific occupational careers;
To develop educational programs geared to new and emerging career fields;
To assist students in deciding upon a career;
To prepare students for immediate entry into the job market;
To augment training opportunities for those already in jobs.
9. To accept continuous educational innovation as a way of life, involving a commitment to finding better ways of developing the individual's learning processes.
10. To enhance the personal development of students by enabling them to identify their own personal goals and the means for achieving them;
To develop a sense of self-worth, self-confidence, self-understanding and a capacity to have an impact on events;
To develop a set of ethical principles to guide their personal conduct;
To be open, honest and trusting in their relationships with others.
11. To have a campus where controversial ideas and speakers are welcome, both on the lecture platform and in class discussion, as members of the college community continuously search for truth;
To respect the rights and responsibilities of all members of the college community.
12. To meet the needs of society by preparing students for successful careers in local area business, industry and government;
To serve as a cultural and intellectual center for the community;
To provide part-time continuing education for adults;
To work with local agencies in solving local social, economic or governmental problems;
To facilitate involvement of students in neighborhood and community service activities.

By definition many of these goals and objectives are quite dynamic. An ongoing process has been unanimously approved by the All-College Council whereby members of the college community will be regularly discussing and participating in decisions pertaining to the further refinement of the College's goals and objectives, in the light of the previous year's intensive examination, utilizing the Institutional Goals Inventory instrument.

These goals and objectives as stated have been discussed and endorsed by the All-College Council. Your consideration and approval of these goals and objectives for Fitchburg State College is requested. Most important, your discussion in your respective groups of how these goals and objectives can be implemented is of great importance. Undoubtedly these principles would have to be refined and defined further at the objective level as they applied to different groups on campus.

Please forward any suggestions you may have regarding the implementation of these goals and objectives to:

Goals and Objectives Committee
All-College Council
Fitchburg State College

"Those who have had a chance for four years and could not produce peace should not be given another chance"

Richard M. Nixon, Oct. 9, 1968



To become President, you must have special qualities.
Like warmth....and charm.
I believe I have them both.
Look at my fine, warm smile.
Look at my charming twinkling eyes.
I am not only a good President,
But I am also a fine, warm, charming human being.
I believe in lasting friendships.
Once someone becomes a friend of mine,
They become my friend for life.
Some people find this hard to believe,
But I will prove it.....
As soon as I make my first friend.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

WHAT IS IT DOING?

To J.G. specifically and:
In case any of you out there are wondering about Student Government, like what is it doing, what is it supposed to be doing and what is our \$30.00 that we each paid doing, read on for this writer will attempt to give an answer.
Notice that I said attempt, although the function of the S.G.A. is stated within its constitution and in the handbook it is still somewhat difficult to give an adequate answer as to what we are supposed to do and what we do do. S.G.A. is supposed to represent the students of this school in the same way that the Congress is supposed to represent the citizens of this fair land. The major problem is one of apathy among the students. In previous elections and probably in all future ones, there has been a slight problem in that the students don't bother to run for positions on the council. What happens then is that we have people running unopposed for positions or we have positions that don't even have people running for them. What happens then is that when those in charge appoint someone to the vacant position invariably there will be a loud out cry of either one of two points of view: (1) Why did you appoint him/her? We can't stand that person or (2) What right do you have or do you think you have to dare to appoint someone to represent us? Both statements have been used very often on this campus--almost to the point where the lack of unity they have helped to build is phenomenal. Maybe if more kids cared before elections and not after just to bitch, than things would be better off.
Exactly what does the representation entail? The representation is supposed to lend itself to offer all sorts of items of interest to the students on campus. This is where the \$30.00 comes in. First of all let me make this perfectly clear, S.G.A. only gets \$25.00, the other \$5.00 goes to each respective class. If you don't get what I mean it's really simple to explain. When I pay my \$30.00, \$25.00 goes to S.G.A. and \$5.00 goes to the Junior class treasury because I am a Junior. The \$25.00 that S.G.A. receives goes to support the different activities and functions that happen on this campus. L.I.V.E., Yearbook, Band, Choir, Debate, Cultural Events/Social committee Cycle, plus many others all receive their funds from S.G.A. Since you looked in the handbook to check up on us J.G. you must have seen the wide list and range of activities which are sponsored by S.G.A.
I don't know how you managed to get the figure of 70-75 people on Council, I know that the printer did a good job of messing up the information that was to be printed but I didn't notice that mistake. The Council is com-

posed of an Executive Board which has five members on it; President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, the rest of the Council is comprised of five representatives from each class; that's a President and four representatives, and five representatives from each class, also the President of each of the dorms is on the Council. So all told there are when all the posts are filled 33 members on the Council is minus the five representatives from their class.
Maybe you have had a difficult time locating S.G.A. people but if your problem was so important why didn't you come to the S.G.A. meetings which are held on Tuesday nights? Don't tell me that you didn't know about them because they were announced on the message tapes down in the Commuters' Lounge and signs have been posted on the bulletin boards around campus. Or even simpler still, why didn't you leave a message in the S.G.A. office? That's what those little pink pads sitting on the desk are for. A Council member would have gotten in touch with you then. Most of the Council members are overloaded with courses, just about everyone on campus is, plus they have their council work to do. Granted they are supposed to spend an hour a week down in the office but sometimes it is hard to find where to get that hour in. In past years we have hired a secretary from the Financial Aid lists to work a certain amount of hours per week in the office, we are going to this year too but remember it is the beginning of the year and it takes a little time to get organized again. As for not seeing the S.G.A. President down in the office all the time, well it's a little difficult for her to be there every free minute of her day. Besides carrying 18 credits she does have her S.G.A. work to do which entails meetings with different deans over different problems, it entails being on top of everything which goes on around here, from which class is bitching about which teacher to why the food in the machines looks funny to God alone knows what else. But besides all of that she is also a member of the Student Advisory Commission to the Board of Trustees. This group is made up of all of the S.G.A. Presidents or their representative from each of the eleven state colleges and their responsibility is to work with the Board of Trustees for the betterment of all aspects of life on the college campus. That alone entails going to Boston or other places in the Commonwealth for meetings at least once a week. See what all that traveling can do to a person's life. A person needs at least one minute a day when they are not being besieged by people to get this or that done.

J.G. if you are really interested in working for the students of this campus than why don't you come down to the S.G.A. office and if there is no one there leave a note, let us know that you want to help. We'll contact you and we'll work together but you and other students who don't work but do complain have to understand that we are trying, we aren't Gods who can make everything o.k. with a single wish, it takes time, effort and lot's and lot's of cooperation.

Yours for a better S.G.,
Chasha Channa

BY MICHELLE MORIN
AN OLD GREY BEARD SITS
A'TOP THE MOUNTAIN
TOUCHING NONE,
FEELING THE WARMTH-GIVING NONE
SEEING ALL
TELLING NONE-SHARING NOTHING
BUT LISTENING-HE CRYES.....
ALL THESE THINGS ARE DONE
ALONE UNTIL DEATH,
WHO WILL WEAR THE BEARD NEXT?
YOU OR ME?
ONE MUST BE CHOSEN-
YOU OR ME?
PERHAPS THERE WILL BE TWO
OLD BEARDS
IF YOU WILL NOT
LOVE ME OR THINK OF ME AS
MYSELF.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUB

RESUMES WITH A BLAST

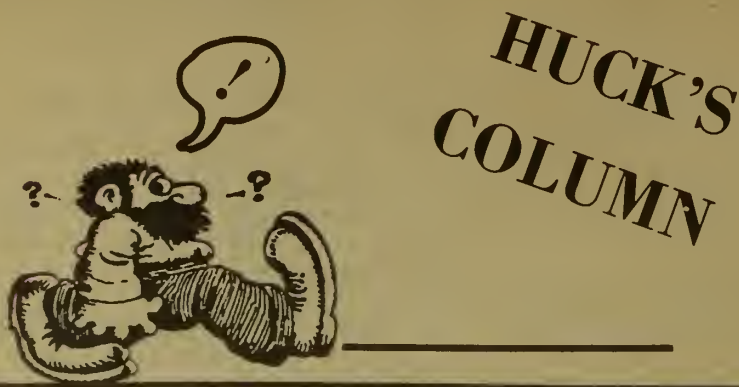
The fall semester has begun for 1972-73, and the Special Education Club has also begun in the swing of things. It looks like a very active and worthwhile year for the new officers:
President-Steven LeClaire
Vice-Pres.-Dave Labbe
Secretary-Helene Avedian
Treasurer-Kathleen Spellman
The calendar of events entails: Big-Brother Big-Sister activities, Christmas Bazaar, Saturday's swimming at the Y, Cerebral Palsy telethon, Jail Day,
DID YOU KNOW.....
that the world's fastest "psychiatrist" was Dr. Albert L. Weiner of Erlton, New Jersey, who dealt with up to 50 patients a day in four treatment rooms. He relied heavily on narco-analysis, muscle relaxants and electro-shock treatments. In December, 1961, he was found guilty on 12 counts of manslaughter from using unsterilized needles. He had been trained only in osteopathy.

BOREDOM!

"As I see it;
for what it's worth..."

by CHASHA CHANNA

Well, we're back in the groove, at least we are supposed to be back in the groove, of school, work and boredom, Boredom! Oh that word seems to be the adjective which best describes this place. However, let's be perfectly honest, all places are boring. I don't think there is one place in this whole U.S. of A. where any one of us wouldn't be bored after a time.
Anyhow, where was I? You'll notice that I have this habit of rambling on and forgetting where I am or what I'm saying. Forgive me this sin. Oh yeah, I was talking about boredom. Boredom, not having anything to do or anyplace to go or any reason to go or do anything, anyway. Again let's be perfectly honest; I like that phrase-perfectly honest-it has such a nice sound to it. The true test of maturity as far as I am concerned is the ability to make one's own good time and to be able to find joy even in the simplest of events. I am sure that all of us; you my brothers and sisters and myself, are intelligent enough to be able to devise some games, activities and interests with which to fill our empty hours. Here comes a "Ripley's Believe it or Not"--of all the possible activities that this wide world offers, this writer has taken as her hobby, needlepoint and crewel work! For those who know me, that appears to be an exact opposite of my "true" self but I am sincerely enjoying the work. I think that's because it fills my basic desire to create.
Have any of you heard the rumor going around campus that there appears to be some difficulty in finding parking spaces? Now I'm not sure if this rumor is true or not but my first reaction upon hearing it was, "Well why the cucka isn't anything being done about it?" Someone must have transgressed into my thought pattern because the next thing I knew I had a startling ESP vision of thought which let me in on the knowledge that our S.G.A. was footing the bill to pay for parking at the Wallace Civic Center. "Hurrah, I thought!"
Actually to tell you the truth that's all I thought. My brain was foggy, after-all I'd come out of a couple of classes; I don't need to tell you what most of the classes around here can do to you.
Anyway I don't know what all of the previous rambling goes to prove but as the line says it's all, As I see it: for what it's worth....
P.S. Special note to my sister Angela-- I know you aren't too pleased with the way this came out, so here is a public apology to you. Don't lose your faith in me yet.



I have almost grown accustomed to the noise of the machinery around here; class discussions are something like talking at a rock concert. In Kiddie Lit the construction noise even prompted a mention of MIKE MULLIGAN AND HIS STEAMSHOVEL. Do you recall that story from Capt'n Kangaroo? Are you surprised or embarrassed by how much you do remember from shows like Capt's Kangaroo? Do you remember who was Rooty Kazooty's girlfriend?

Two representatives from a major brewing company (Schlitz) were in the Cycle office last week seeking information as to the drinking habits of FSC students. With the possibility of an eighteen-year-old drinking age soon to be upon us, it would seem apparent that colleges will be a major source of revenue for an enterprising company. Cycle forwarded these Schlitz-men to several "social club" representatives which were considered potential "big markets," alcoholically speaking.

While reading in the "Commuter's Lounge" over a coke and a provolone-and-cheese sandwich, a two-line discussion started with the guy who cleans up after the slobs eating there. I personally resent being picked after so when this fellow started to take my cup and sandwich wrapper to dispose of for me, I was quick to tell him, "Thanks, but I'll toss it out myself." Cleaning-Jack took the stuff from me and informed me that it was his job. I then, perturbed, explained that, "I'd be insulted." His final reply, "It's my job." Someone near me mumbled, "Dowe need prisoners to keep the guards employed?"

It was also in the Commuter's Lounge where I was handed apamphlet explaining "Medical Aid For Indochina". I make it

my policy to donate money to every cause I support verbally. No matter how small a contribution I make, these organizations are always quick to respond by putting my name on somebody's mailing list. Seems as though the amount of literature I receive would cost these organizations more to send out than what I've contributed! I like receiving mail, but how can they afford the postage?

Mentioning publications, one balloon well spent would be to purchase "A Guide to Community Services for the Exceptional Individual" published by last year's "Community Resources class" (not offered this semester). Cycle wrote a small article about the class project last spring when the twenty-three members of the "Community Resources" class were hard at work putting the publication together. The finished product is available at the Special Ed. office for one dollar.

OVERHEARD: One FSC coed to another: "We're going out to eat at the Groton Out." (Is that teenie-bopper for the Groton Inn?)

The best restaurant at which I've eaten? The ElMorocco in Worcester!! By far-and-away the shish-ka-bob there is my favorite meal anywhere. As an appetizer ask for a small "homos" for two...a chi-chi bean dip w/olive oil into which Syrian bread is dipped. Hint: bring your own wine/booze, the ElMorocco has no liquor license. Open until the wee hours, the most fun is to be among the post-midnite people who "et the crazies." I can't predict what you'll see on a Friday or Saturday night.

Finally, my best to the POW/MIA bravelet wearers.



ARE YOU CONCERNED?

Have you ever been concerned

by MICHELLE MORIN

"Is our race so destitute of wisdom, so incapable of love, so blind even to the simple dictates of self-preservation, that the last proof of its silly cleverness is to the extermination of all life on our planet?"

Bertrand Russel wrote those words almost twenty years ago in reference to the increasing number of countries with the capability to wage nuclear war. His statement becomes more German to Americans with every death that occurs abroad, do to the horrendous war in Vietnam. Without doubt the Nixon administration has carried out the most savage, brutal, murderous policies against one race since Hitler attempted the extermination of the Jews. However, in all our pettiness we have attempted to free ourselves from blame and to allow the present governing administration to take the full responsibility for the Vietnam tragedy. Gibran, though was quite accurate when he said, "For how can a tyrant rule the free and proud, but for a tyranny in their own freedom, and a shame in their own pride?"

It was President Nixon who ordered the harbors mined in the North, and the supply routed bombed at an unprecedented level, but it was an apostasy for any compassionate person to scream "bloody murder" upon this announcement. If we had joined our voices in disapproval it might have been possible to halt the Nixon extermination plan. How dare we call ourselves civilized as we sit comfortably in our living-room easy chairs while children's bodies burn from napalm and vomiting stench of death reeks through a country because of our uninvolved there whether it be through our tax dollars or in actual involvement.

We all know in our hearts that killing is wrong but somehow we make exceptions when it is us who are put in the position of killing people. How is it possible that we send one man to life imprisonment for killing and adorn another with medals for the same action? Have not both of these men killed their so-called enemies?

A state of immunity has subdued us. No longer are we shocked by William Calleys, General Lavelles and "accidental" napalm bombardments. To retain our comfortable remoteness to this war, we rationalize the atrocities we commit by saying, "it is all part of war." It has become more and more difficult to move people emotionally throughout the length of the war. Some have sought refuge in American propaganda, such as suggesting that the war is finally winding down because ground troops have been reduced by 500,00. However, we have merely exchanged a ground war to an air and election war. The off shore concentration of ships in unprecedented in American History. Bomb tonage more than doubled that of World War II, and the Korean War combined. Yet still the vast majority of Americans remain silent. We view deaths in Vietnam as incidental. American flags flew at half-mast for the victims of the Olympic Games tragedy, but in fact, they should have been flying at half-mast everyday for the past nine years. Why are Vietnemies deaths different from Israeli deaths?

All killing is absurd, no matter who commits it-American, Viet-Cong, Russian, Chinese, or Eskimo! The people of passion can no longer be idle, they must jointogether and with voices in unison, they must congregate to conquer the cannons of war.

This is all to suggest that we must respond somehow during the Oct. 8 to 14 week, for this is National M.A.I. (Medical Aid To Indochina) Week. Students on campus will be leafletting and collecting donations to help to purchase medical supplies so urgently needed medical supplies.

Student conciousness must be raised to make this week successful. Please help us in our efforts with both your time and donations. For more information, call:

Steve Coleman, 53-44758
or Michell Morin, 53-48991

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MOHAWK CLUB

The Mohawk Club started off the year with it's 3rd annual Fall All-College party coming up soon. The Hawks also held the Alumni Soccer Party. Plans have already been made for the "fun night of the year"; THE MOHAWK skate which will be held on October 5 at Whalom skate rink. We are looking forward to a good year as a club and as an organization at Fitchburg State College.





Helpful Hanna

Have a problem you'd like some help with? Drop a line to Helpful Hanna in care of the "Cycle".

Dear Helpful Hanna:

My problem is I can't stop writing to you. When I wake up in the morning I say to myself "self, you should write Helpful Hanna about this." Are you interested in me waking up? Every minute of every day all I can think about is writing you a letter. I have already written 40 million letters. When I try to sleep at night all I can think about is "when I wake up I'll have to write Helpful Hanna about this. I keep on thinking about things to write. Then ideas are surging through my head and I can't sleep so I get out of bed and write to you. I've already gone through 200 Bic banana pens (not counting other colors) and have gotten desperate enough to write on toilet paper. Please help me before my blood turns to ink.

Davey the Fat Dog

Dear Davy:

I'm glad to hear that you depend on me so much to help you solve your problems; however, something must be done. I suggest you go out and find a girlfriend so you can think about her all the time. Then you won't go through so many pens.

Dear Helpful Hanna:

My mother hates me, my girlfriend baits me, my dog bites me and my father fights me. My cat licks me and my friends dick me. What shall I do????

signed
loveable

Dear loveable:

Do unto others as they do unto you.

Dear Helpful Hanna:

I'm a 35 year old second semester college freshman and I have a problem. People say I'm bashful because I can never be found on my free time. The truth is, I go into the men's lavatory and write obscene gestures on the stall walls. I feel this is the only place that my poetry is really appreciated. Do you think I should make my appearance and display my poetry elsewhere or should "throne-sitting" be my life long occupation?

signed
the King

Dear King:

I'm sure your poetry has been seen on the stall wall by many an eye, and there are probably a few who would like to compliment you on it. Come out of hiding. You might possibly have a rewarding life ahead of you.

Dear Hanna:

I am an accelerated thirteen-year-old freshman at F.S.C. and secretly married to one of my professors. I like her very much but whenever we are with other people, she calls me "son". Also, when we are about to retire to our separate bedrooms, she insists on reading stories to me. Is this what marriage is all about? Please advise.

Confused

Dear Confused:

It seems you have married someone with a great deal of "motherly instinct". I think you should tell her how you feel and try and straighten things out. After all, you have a long married life ahead of you and she may run out of bedtime stories.

Dear Helpful Hanna:

I am worried. Every day I see people walking around with all kinds of problems. All of their problems are small compared to the one I don't have. You see I don't have a problem. Am I normal? Why can't I be abnormal like everyone else. Do you know where I can find some problems? I tried to find some everywhere, but couldn't even get an idea of what they look like. Maybe I can buy one. Do you know how much they cost?

Unproblem Problem

Dear Unproblem:

There are some people who are lucky enough not to have any problems at all, and it seems you are one of them. Also, the cost of a problem is one bleeding ulcer!

NEEDED

WE NEED TYPISTS TO HELP ON FRIDAY DEADLINES. ANY HELP, EITHER DONE AT HOME OR IN OUR OFFICE, WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

CAREER DAY IN THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

The Psychology Club of F.S.C. is sponsoring a Career Day in the Behavioral Sciences on Nov. 1, 1972 and is open to all students.

The following questions may be of interest to those who hope to enter various fields of the behavioral sciences.

1. How do I acquire a job?
2. What is out there for me to do?
3. What are the requirements for entering a given field?
4. What is the future?
5. What is the level of compensation?
6. What may I do which is different or new?
7. What new courses can be offered?

The program will consist of authorities in their respective fields, who will elaborate on these questions and any others you may have.

Anyone interested in participating in committees for the program, please contact Dr. Alan Bernstein the B.S. Office.

MRRA Announces Plans for Films

The MRRA announces primary plans for a public education program.

The Public Education Program will be divided into two segments. One for the community-at-large and one for local school systems.

Beginning efforts will be aimed at a public film program. Films will be shown at all MRRA Regular meetings beginning in October. The MRRA will also be trying to work out a plan to show the films in various city schools (public and private) and at public Libraries. Any group or persons that would like to take advantage of this opportunity are urged to contact MRRA members to make arrangements.

Films are being scheduled for every other Tuesday beginning on Oct. 17, then to Oct. 31, then to Nov. 14 and Nov. 28, and will be continuous for an indefinite period according to public reaction.

The MRRA recognizes the importance of public education to support recycling and environmental efforts. For this reason we have been contemplating various methods to go about this project. We've decided that films would be a good way to start because people would be more inclined to come out to see a film than to a discussion session. Also we hope that by showing films at our regular meetings it will help to create community interest and result in better attendance at our meetings.

Most of the films will be sound and in color unless otherwise specified. They will not be extremely long with the exception of "Feature Films" which will be shown from time to time as part of a special evening program.

For more information, or if your group is interested in making arrangements to view one of the films please contact MRRA members Miss Myra Wilson, 292 West St., 534-3795; Mrs. Norma Blier, 48 Fairview St., 537-9815; or Vince Pellecchia, 49 Mt. Pleasant Ave., 537-6194.

If you would like to send us a contribution to help us pay for the use of these films please send it to one of the persons listed above.

The MRRA urges citizens to come and see these films as they are carefully screened and are picked for your benefit and enjoyment. We feel that they are excellent quality films with important messages and information for us all.

(see attached list for dates and information regarding our first five films-- it is made so that you can keep it in a handy place for future reference--).

RELEASED BY: MRRA Public Education--Film Committee

Myra Wilson
Norma Blier
Vince Pellecchia

OCTOBER 17 & 18

"STEEL-THE RECYCLED MATERIAL"

Shown at : MRRA Meetings and by arrangement.
Recommended for all audiences. Produced by American Iron and Steel Institute.

An informative and imaginative film that uses animation live-action, and special techniques to illustrate the importance of solid waste recycling. It also points out that unmanaged waste is a national problem so urgent that it has been given top priority under the Resources Recovery Act. With recycling recognized as an ideal way of disposing of solid wastes, this film is important as an up-to-the-minute documentary report on what the steel industry and many communities are doing NOW to reclaim, recycle and reuse steel containers.

OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 1

"CYCLES"

Shown At: MRRA meetings and by arrangement.
Reveals how man, instead of creating contemporary ossified kitchen middens, is now building natural resources banks, stockpiles of minerals, for recycling and reuse. Documents young people's involvement in glass recycling and the various ways it is being re-used (road paving materials, jewelry, insulation, reflective paint) and industry's genius in turning waste into an asset. A visually beautiful and rewarding film.

Recommended for: All aud. Produced by: Glass Container Manufacturers Institute, Inc.

Awards: Gold Camera Award at the U.S. Industrial Film Festival and the Blue Ribbon Award at the American Film Festival.

NOVEMBER 14 and 15

"A MOTHER'S WISH"

Shown At: MRRA meeting and by arrangement.

A heart-warming tale of a mother's wish for her infant child: "To grow up in a healthy and clean environment."
Recommended for: High Schools and above. Produced by the Japan Trade Center.

NOVEMBER 28 & 29

"AN OUTDOOR EXHIBITION OF SCULPTURE"

Shown At: MRRA meeting and by arrangement.
Recommended for High Schools and above. Produced by: Japan Trade Center.

Extensive outdoor sculpture underlies the story of the efforts of an industrial city to preserve the environment and thus rid itself of the industrial pollution which beclouds many of Japan's other cities.

NOTICE: These five films mark only the beginning of what the Montachusett Region Recycling Association hopes will be an exciting and rewarding experience. We will accept and appreciate any suggestions anyone may have. Again, we urge you to attend each and every showing.

For more information or to make arrangements to obtain a film for your group please contact the following:

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Tel 345-6656

"THE VIEW FROM HERE"

by JOHN SHAUGHNESSY

As a student one learns not only the value of being exposed to factual information but most importantly, that the information is only valuable if it is complete. In an academic atmosphere, as in any restrictive environment, there exists the danger of being swamped with similar attitudes towards contemporary problems facing us as students, citizens and voters but especially as rational and sensitive individuals.

Perhaps the opportunity to make our most significant contributions as individuals will come in November. I see this election becoming a contest between "Liberals" and "Conservatives". The Liberals are attempting to show the power that lies with the underprivileged and their sympathizers, and by doing so, hope to make government more sensitive to the needs of the people. The Conservatives, the traditionalists and the well-to-do, who are trying to hold on to the established values, while regarding the Liberals as revolutionaries and border-line socialists, Communists, or "hippie freaks". These are exaggerations of course, but nevertheless, the crucial issues, or arguments, seem to be missing.

While in the service, I asked to be sent from Germany to Vietnam after nine months of careful thinking. I'd heard war stories from returning veterans, and I knew the fear each non-veteran possesses. I was an engineer squad leader, which meant I would be away from the security of any large bases, and therefore subject to a heavy dose of the hate, heat, filth and insects that Vietnam has to offer. As an engineer, I would be building roads instead of "beating the bushes" looking for someone to kill. These were the obvious considerations, but if these were the only considerations, I would never have seen Vietnam. The question that plagued me then was very basic; are these people really worth saving? Other questions stemmed from this one. Wouldn't they be happier, or at least better off, being Communist? If they really care about freedom, why haven't they taken a deeper military involvement in the war? Why are we involved? Why are we always involved? Is that hellhole worth the life of one of us?

These questions are what prompted me to go to Vietnam. The real question is; who is "us"? An "accident of birth" has made me an American. To be an American, as opposed to be Vietnamese, means many things that few of us can even begin to comprehend, for instance, if I were to forget my pride and become slightly resourceful, I would always be able to find someone with enough extra food to offer me a meal. After all, wars are perpetuated because of pride. Having been born here, I was brought up knowing that chances were slim of anything approaching mass murders or severe beatings in my home town. In Vietnam, a child only knows that at anytime, the Viet Cong could emerge from the jungle, murder at will, and kidnap the village's boys and young men to serve with the National Liberation Front. This point led me to this reasoning: if I took two high school football teams, each made up of three year veteran football players, equal in size, coached in the same manner for one year, the only difference being that team A was last year's state champions and team B is from a rural school which has had three successive winless seasons. All other things equal, who would

you bet on? It is this psychology that contributes a great deal to the interference of the efforts of South Vietnamese army campaigns.

An instructor at this college once asked me, "...but is it fair for US to be involved? I mean, if I were fighting with someone, would it be fair for you to attack my opponent?" Let's think about this: if you are robbed, do you hunt the thief yourself? No, in a community we have police, who comprise an organization funded by all of us, to protect each of us. Again it was an accident of birth that affords me the material opportunities around me. More is available to me here than in any other country in the world. Are these opportunities my birth-right? Or do they carry with them a very real price tag? Do my brothers in Vietnam and other underprivileged countries deserve their plight? For mere existence, there is no place for the Vietnamese people to go but the soil. We cannot even begin to understand what that means; nor do we share many of their values. The sooner we accept this fact, the sooner we will stop making the terrible blunders we constantly make in all of our foreign policies.

One might well ask, as I did, do we have the right to impose our system, with all its flaws, on a race of people that share few of our values? Judging from my own personal observations, the Vietnamese have a potential and a resourcefulness as a people and as individuals that would put many of us to shame. They may even make improvements on our system that we have been unable to make.

If you ever get a chance to visit Berlin, Germany, you will be impressed with the contrast in life styles between the East and West sections. Here is a city that was split; same people, same value system, same potential. The Western city is alive with both physical and mental activity. The people are noticeably more outgoing than in many other sections of Northern Free Europe. The Eastern sector is the opposite, if there is such a thing. Drab buildings and much wartime rubble still line their streets. The people appear to have personalities and life styles to match their environment.

It seems to me that the greatest crime one man can commit against another is to ignore him. In our case, we hold the potential of half of the Vietnamese people in our hands.

As far as war is concerned, only a fool would promote its merits. Man is proud and history has given him a variety of civilizations and an equal number of value systems. I haven't seen or heard of a better one than our own, if I had, I would be living there. No system of man is perfect, but the one that allows for improvement by allowing man his greatest freedom, must be the best. My faith in the potential of the Vietnamese people, and other races in similar situations, is my only defense for our country's present position; "the best of a bad situation."

I will never live to see the day when men can forget their pride and differing values, and live together in peace. In the meantime, I feel that I am part of a world community where (unfortunately) everything has its realistic price, even the basically human and moral act of recognizing one's fellow man.

Thank you for your attention. I only regret that our fears and defense mechanisms don't allow us the opportunity to exchange our views personally.

DURING A DEBATE ON CHANNEL 11 CABLE T.V. AT MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON SEPTEMBER 25TH, SEN. JOSEPH WARD REFERRED TO BOB HALL, HIS OPPONENT, AS A "SNIDE, SLIMY YOUNG MAN".

IF YOU ARE TIRED OF NAME CALLING AND BACK ROOM POLITICS

HELP US MAKE A CHANGE! ! !

BOB HALL

LEADERSHIP FOR A CHANGE

BOB IS 26 AND SINGLE. HE IS A MARINE VETERAN. HE GRADUATED FROM MOUNT WACHUSETT IN 1970 AND FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS THIS YEAR AS A GOVERNMENT MAJOR. BOB IS CERTIFIED TO TEACH SOCIAL STUDIES. THIS IS HIS FIRST CAMPAIGN. HE IS RUNNING A LOW BUDGET, ISSUE ORIENTED CAMPAIGN. HE BADLY NEEDS YOUR HELP. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE INFORMATION OR BUMPER STICKERS CALL BOB AT 345-2876 OR WRITE TO HIM AT 166 CROSS RD, LUNENBURG.

TAXPAYER'S COMMITTEE TO ELECT BOB HALL SENATOR
166 Cross Road, Lunenburg

COMMUTER'S BOARD NEWS



by YVONNE LAGARDE

Considering that three quarters of the school is made up of commuters, we thought it was about time the "Cycle" wrote an article on the Commuters Board. Most of the upperclassmen have a fairly good idea of what the Board is and what it does but for those freshmen who don't, we would like to introduce you to your representatives in S.G.A. the Commuter's Board. Who are they?

Jim Cournoyer - President
Ken Pearson - Treasurer
Nina Hooder - Secretary
Joanne Pelletier - Junior Rep.
Malcolm Farwell - Sophomore Rep.
Freshman Rep. to be elected

There are three basic functions of the Commuter's Board. The first and most important function to provide rapport between commuters, administration and S.G.A. In an effort to unite the three organizations, the Board meets once a week with Dr. Durant (Dean of Students), Dean Keenan, and Mr. Fitzgibbons. The representatives of the Commuter's Board are also active members of S.G.A. The Board also tries to meet the needs of the commuters. Of course, this is an ambitious goal and the Board cannot hope to provide for the commuters needs unless the commuter goes to the board with suggestions grievances or opinions. Anything you have to say is welcome, after all, the Board is representing you. Thirdly, the Board is in charge of the upkeep of the lounge.

The Commuter's Board has to cope with many problems, one of the biggest being parking. Commuters are finding parking a difficult and frustrating situation on campus. Every year the commuter finds himself parking farther and farther away from the school. This year the problem compounded by the construction on campus. To help relieve the overcrowding and lack of parking space, the Civic Center Parking Lot has been leased. This parking lot will be available to students throughout the school year. Starting November 1st, a bus will be running from the Civic Center Parking Lot to the campus 8 hours a day. Bus tickets will cost \$2.00 per month, the remaining expenses will be paid by S.G.A. funds. The Board has worked hard along with S.G.A. and administration to help you, please make use of the service.

Unfortunately, commuters are presented with many disadvantages and usually find it difficult to participate in campus activities. Most events are held after 5:00 p.m. which can be inconvenient for most commuters traveling any distance. As of now there is no panacea for this problem.

Although the vending machines have come in, hot meals are still unavailable until 1975 when the Student Union Building is completed. There are a few good restaurants, charging reasonable prices, within walking distance.

In the near future, the Board will again be meeting with the Deans and Mr. Fitzgibbons. The Board thought you might be interested in some of the propositions brought up at these meetings. Below is a copy of the "Commuter's Board Proposal for Discussion" for the meeting of September 15, 1972:

- 1) Make provisions for daily rubbish removal from the lounge.
- 2) Procure devices of cleaning lady(s), i.e. Mrs. Cormier
- 3) Obtain collection box for news items to be aired on P.A. System.
- 4) Look into possibility of Comm. Bd. sponsoring any social functions.
- 5) Ask about supplies for cleaning floor in office - Jim Cournoyer and Ken Pearson have offered to do it.
- 6) Talk about constitution.
- 7) Do something about various pits and the methods with which they are being covered (injuries, etc.)
- 8) Two lights are out in the lounge.
- 9) How about some heat in the lounge?
- 10) Anything on the rest of the Machines
- 11) Need some arrangements made for change for machines
- 12) Machines are not refilled as promptly as they should be
- 13) Can someone fix some of the clocks in various buildings
- 14) Procedure for securing the office
- 15) Talk about Commuter's Parking Scholarship

We hope that we have enlightened those of you who weren't familiar with the Commuter's Board, its purpose and functions. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the Board located in the Commuter's Lounge or contact the "Cycle". We welcome anything you have to say.

LIVING DEATH

by JOHN GEORGE

PART II

On Monday, March 15, Mary Joe Sullivan was on the 7:15 train reading the daily newspaper. Sitting on the right hand side of her was Frank Devoe, reading a different edition of the newspaper. Mary Joe glanced up at her watch and saw that it was now 7:30. Ellen Jones was at home watching the 7:30 news. All of these people were quite innocent of the event. The news media missed it completely, and it was almost a full week before anyone noticed. It was a goal mankind had always been striving for as a whole, working together, and individually. Now that it was reached nobody noticed. Medical science which had been striving for this goal for centuries had not even realized that it occurred, but they would. Soon they all would. It would come creeping on them as one of the most formidable problems that mankind has ever faced.

For beginning the week of March 15 no one had died, not one single person in the world. With the birth rate being one person born every second it is estimated that the world's population increased amounting to 87,000 people per day. In the week that went by 609,000 people were born. Valuable time was lost; mankind seemed to be slapped in the face. On the eighth day famine started to spread. Disease and darkness spread throughout the world. On the ninth day with the population still increasing one-third of the world's populations was suffering with pain. New diseases were spreading. As fast as a new disease would occur a cure would be found.

Two weeks went by, the government was now paying people \$20,000 if they would come in and be sterilized. Doctors were now being paid extra money for patients they didn't try to cure. All they had to do, was to get a sick person to sign a statement saying the doctor refused to treat him. Governments all over the world were in panic. People were now being born at the rate of two every second. The average amount of space a person had to live in was six feet. Graveyards were being dug up and houses built. Automobiles were not allowed. All owners were asked to bring them to a compressing station. Here a 7 ft., 3,000 pound car or truck could be compressed to one cubic inch. The average number of people in a room was twelve. Conditions were still growing worse. People were still not dying. Because of some incredible reason sickness had stopped completely. Famine had stopped. Although the birth rate was cut in half to one person a second, people were still not dying. The situation all over the world grew from a state of emergency to a state of fear. Everyone was waiting for their turn to die. Counting everyday, wondering when someone would die. Space became the most valuable thing on the planet. All the governments of the world got together to try to find a solution. After one hour in conference a solution was found.

Everyone in the world would be given a number. People would be hired and paid to be exterminators. The exterminators would be picked by random numbers, and could also be exterminated. Each day they would kill approximately 100,000 people until the amount of living space was twelve feet per person. It was now one month without a person dying. On April 20th the plan went into effect. The people were to be burned in huge ovens and the ashes thrown into the ocean.

Henry Boucher was walking outside with two friends. He looked around and noticed that it was very crowded today. The sun was shining - in his eyes. Suddenly he was grabbed, hit on the head and taken away. The next thing he knew he found himself in the hospital; a doctor was approaching him with a needle. Henry asked what it was for. The doctor told him that he was one of the first 100,000 people picked to die. A look of terror came over Henry's face. The doctor told him not to worry the needle would put him to sleep and freeze his nerves. He would not feel any pain. Henry started screaming in terror. He tried to get up out of bed, but was reinforced by two guards. "The doctor told him not to worry. All your worries are over," he thought, "think of all the people who are worrying about being picked to die." Now he wanted to die, to get out of this living hell. He saw the doctor approach and felt the needle penetrating his skin and the liquid entered his veins. The doctor was right he didn't feel a thing and was so relaxed, more relaxed then he had ever felt. He was wheeled into a truck. In the truck there were shelves enough to hold fifty bodies. He was lifted and placed on a shelf. The doctor was right he didn't feel a thing, but something was wrong. Something was strongly wrong. What was it? Suddenly it occurred to him, he was not asleep. He could see all around him. Suddenly he saw daylight. The truck was being opened. Men were taking bodies out of the truck. He was now being lifted. Couldn't they see his eyes were opened? He wanted to scream, to tell them he didn't want to experience death. But no one could tell that he wasn't asleep. He was placed in an oven with about 100 other bodies. He was wondering if anyone else was in the same state he was in. About five minutes later bright lights were turned on, he could see sweat dripping from the other bodies. They started to turn brown, then all of the lights went off. Flames were now scorching the bodies, they were being burnt to a crisp.

PART III

As the bodies were being burnt; scientists were trying to discover a bacteria that would kill a person in seconds and eat up his body. In a week it had been found. They named it Nau-gaformela. They let it loose in the city of New York, which now had a population of 10 million. The germ was then set loose on the world. People were dying at a fantastic rate. Everywhere that you would look bodies would fall and suddenly disappear being eaten up by the bacteria. Within a month the germ had eaten up five billion people. Now it was reaching a critical point. The germ had to be stopped. But how? Animals were disappearing, famine struck throughout the world. The germ was eating everything in sight. Trees, water and even buildings were being consumed by the germ. The population of Earth decreased down to 1 billion people. The germ was still eating everything at a fantastic rate. Where whole countries and lakes once stood, the land was now bare. Within another month the only living thing that existed was this germ. The microbe began multiplying and eating itself. It began devouring itself quicker than it could multiply. The germ devoured in number until finally the environment provided a new life form. A new shape started to emerge from this germ. Rains came heavy for a year; the Earth was flooded. The germ had started eating and was now living in the ocean as a new form of life, ready to inherit the earth.

SCRIMSHAW

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DEADLINE October 13

FOR ARTICLES, ADS OR PERSONALS FROM ANY ORGANIZATION TO APPEAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE COMING OUT OCTOBER 20

Be Represented

What Makes People Run?

Back in the "early days" this question would have been rarely posed as the answer was obvious as the large, unfriendly cohabitant came even closer! Nowadays, in our culture, the question may not be posed because it is just as apparent that now there is no need to run. Yet many people get "their kicks" from running around the countryside, at various states of undress, year round, wet or shine.

Many explanations come to mind for this apparent foolhardiness: the older jogger who has "seen the light" and strives to retard the inevitable return to biological equilibrium. Others, not so enlightened, work out so that they can continue the usual bodily abuse and feel less guilty!

Others, not so old, tend to run rather than jog, and they enter realms of physical pain that makes this a more serious question. These people are usually too young to be overly concerned with longevity, their backgrounds and interests are varied, as judged by their majors, and they aren't very fat. Could these people have some Freudian hangup whereby they are latent homosexuals who need to demonstrate their male virility? Hardly the case when one considers that the audience at Coggs Hall Park is usually on bemused groundskeeper and a dozen or so ducks. Anyway, if you are going to hurt you may as well go all the way and go out for football. Perhaps at 150 lbs or less, and skinny,

you don't have that choice, but you could then go ahead and join a fraternity, or drink a lot or be very loud or all three and leave no doubt in anyone's mind about your manliness!

Perhaps, it is the competition that drives these people; yes, the very good ones like this, but even the good ones can run team second man, come eight overall and see no-one in front or behind for the last 3.5 miles of the race. I don't think I know what makes this breed tick for sure; I think it has something to do with personal challenge, an opportunity to test the personal mettle to find out the extremes that the particular individual can reach, a personal battleground. It borders on masochism except that there is measureable degree of biological adaptation as the season progresses that prevents total destruction.

Whatever, the breed exists and right here on campus, and as the Fitchburg State Varsity Cross Country team, they have lost to Bridgewater State, 27 to 28; their first home meet is against a tough Worcester State squad on Sat, September 30 at Coggs Hall Park. While several other meets as scheduled on a home and away basis, I doubt if many of you will be moved to come to the park and cheer. However, we pledge ourselves to keeping you informed of the sport and our progress throughout the season. Must close now and go run a few more miles....



"I WISH THESE PEOPLE WOULD HURRY - I HAVE A PROJECT TO DO!"

ATHLETIC FEE? FOR WHAT



MR. SETTLE

by YVONNE LA-GARDE

We, the students of F.S.C. are expected to pay our bill each semester and being good dutiful students, we do so with little question of what or why we are paying. One realizes tuition and lab fees are necessary, but what about the other fee we are required to pay; particularly that fee described as "Student Activity Fee....\$25.00."

Do I pay twenty-five dollars to support an athletic team, of which I am not a member and have no desire to be? If one considers there are about twenty-eight hundred students here, only a small minority, maybe 4 or 5 hundred, at least not more than 10% of the entire student body participate in sports programs (approximations from Coach Settle). Why do the rest of us pay an athletic fee? How do we benefit? The gym is not open in the evenings or on the weekends, so one can't even get his money's worth if he wants to.

I presented this question to Mr. Settle. He proceeded to explain the situation. Last year the staff tried to satisfy the needs of those students interested by providing extra-curricula activities. The program was fairly successful.

What is this recreational program? It is just that an informed program originally started by Mrs. Kruzeck, providing recreational activity for those students who desire to participate in some type of athletic program, but not necessarily prepared to become a member of a competitive team. Last year Mr. Settle ran the program from December to April. Participants enjoyed activities such as: bowling, ice skating, and swimming, and most important the gym was OPEN ON WEEKENDS.

So, why isn't the program being run this year? Basically, because as of yet, there is no adult willing to take the responsibility of running the program. I appeal to students and faculty alike. If you are a faculty member interested in advising or supporting this program contact Coach Settle at the gym. If you are a concerned student; pester your coaches, ask when a similar program will be going into effect. Find out where your money is going. If the gym staff knows you, the student body is interested perhaps they will go to greater lengths to get the program on its feet again.

FALL BASEBALL

Falcons Nip Framingham

6-5

by DICK INGEMIE

Aided by a 3-run homer by Joe Connors and a 2-run four bagger by short-stop Gregg Picucci the fall baseball season began with a 6-5 victory over Framingham State.

Both homers came in the second inning as Fitchburg jumped to a 5-0 lead. Freshman Steve Walkowicz pitched 3 strong innings and after a 3rd inning RBI single by Dick Ingemie sent Brian Kane across the plate the Falcons enjoyed a six run advantage. The Falcons put their bats away after the 3rd, while Framingham took advantage of freshman's Dave McDermott's wildness to score 4 runs in the fourth. Three walks and an infield error aided the uprising by Framingham. This 6-4 lead was held until the ninth as McDermott settled down to pitch 3 scoreless innings and Leo Shaughnessey came in to finish up. Shaughnessey gave up 1 run in the ninth on a walk and a single but he induced the final batter to pop to Picucci to strand the tying run on second.

Defensively, Fred Holder played well in right field and Fred Vona, Frank Crossman and Mike Marino played well in their first varsity competition for Fitchburg.

Westfield Over Fitchburg

11-4

A thirteen hit attack by Westfield State College buried the Falcons in their second game this fall baseball season evening their record at 1 - 1.

Steve Gould started for Fitchburg and looked good as he did last season. Steve left the game ahead 4-2 going into the sixth inning. A 3-run 5th inning had put the Falcons on top as Frank Crossman reached on an error and Fred Vona walked as did Brian Kane. Catcher Mike Marino slapped a single to right scoring 2 runs. Howie Klash chased Kane home as he followed with a hard single to left.

The lead was short-lived as Westfield got to Chris Uhl for 4 runs in the sixth, taking a 6-4 lead. Westfield continued its hitting deluge against lefty Dave McDermott and righty Steve Walkowicz for 4 more runs in the eighth. The final score was made 11-4 as Westfield scored once in the ninth.

Outstanding plays defensively for Fitchburg were turned in by Fred Holder who made a nice running stab of a deep smash to right-center. The play of the game was turned in by Frank Crossman filling in at short for the injured Gregg Picucci. Frank ranged to his left, diving and coming up with a grounder headed for a sure hit, flipped it to Vona at second who fired to first getting the double-play.



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If you have any ads you want printed in the paper, drop the info in the "Cycle" box in the Thompson mail room or at the "Cycle" office in the Thompson basement and it will be printed in the next issue--

MESSAGE TO THE 1062 WHO TOOK THE "CHRISTMAS FINALS POLL"

September 29, 1972

Editor
The Cycle
Fitchburg State College

Dear Sir:

At its meeting September 27, 1972 the All-College Council voted to re-affirm its decision made at the All-College meeting of February 16, 1972 regarding the college calendar.

I have been requested to forward to you the pertinent excerpts from the minutes of the All-College Council meeting of February 16, 1972 which were forwarded to your paper and to other groups in the college community. These motions read:

"Mr. Kilcoyne moved that we accept the proposed calendar for the next year, for one year only, and to work to completely revamp the calendar for the following years."

"Mr. Guindon moved that we send a letter to the Calendar Committee, not only indicating our approval of the calendar for 1972-73, but strongly urging them to proceed, post-haste, on an entirely different type of calendar for 1973-74 and years thereafter."

Just as the Calendar Committee last academic year was a joint committee of faculty, students and administrators, the Council at this week's meeting expressed its intent that there be equal representation of faculty, students and administrators on the Calendar Committee now entrusted with proposing a calendar for the two academic years 1973-74 and 1974-75. As soon as this Calendar Committee establishes its meeting time this will be communicated to the Cycle. Suggestions from any members of the college community regarding the type of calendar they wish to see planned may be sent to:

Calendar Committee
All-College Council
Fitchburg State College

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence A. Quigley
Lawrence A. Quigley
Secretary-Treasurer
All-College Council

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"It is a sin to be silent when it is your duty to protest."

Abraham Lincoln

On Wednesday, October 10, The All College Council will hold an open meeting. A cordial welcome is hereby extended to all new members (Freshmen, Transfer students, and Faculty) of the F.S.C. to be present. The All College Council is made up of representatives from administration, Faculty, and Students, and it deals with basic issues of concern to the entire College community. It is important that all members of the community become acquainted with its make-up and its operations, and it is hoped that all will feel free to cooperate with the Council by submitting their views on issues under consideration.

Time: 3:10 p.m., October 10

Place: First Floor, Miller Hall, Oval Room